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## **News Release**

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### **ACOG Recognizes USU Member with Distinguished Service Award**

**Bethesda, Md. --** A Uniformed Services University professor is one of four people honored with this year's Distinguished Service Award from the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG).

William H. J. Haffner, M.D., professor and chair, department of obstetrics and gynecology, F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md., is one of this year's honorees.

This award recognizes outstanding individuals in obstetrics and gynecology who have made significant contributions within ACOG, in government, research, teaching, or direct patient care.

Haffner also maintains a clinical practice at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda. He is well known for his prestigious 30-year career as a Public Health Service medical officer. He began his PHS career with the Indian Health Service in 1971. In 1990, the Surgeon General of the United States appointed him as Chief Medical Officer of the PHS.

Prior to retiring from the PHS in August 2001, Dr. Haffner served as chair of the department of ob/gyn at the Uniformed Services University for almost nine years.

He is active in ACOG's Armed Forces District and is chair of the Committee on Health Care for Underserved Women. He also serves as a consultant to the Committee on American Indian Affairs and as *ex officio* member of the Committee on Practice Bulletins – Gynecology.

Haffner graduated from The George Washington University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C., and completed his residency training in obstetrics and gynecology at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York, N.Y.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists is the national medical organization representing more than 40,000 physicians who provide health care for women.